

Monson Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

Meeting Minutes for

Thursday, September 2, 2021

Present: Madeline (chairman), Jenna Berry, Jan Demaio

Also present: Kim Uliana, Mary Hull, Pam West

Madeline Goodrich called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

The first item on the agenda was basketball. Granite Valley gym is now being used as a cafeteria. If it stays, we will not have the gym for basketball. High school uses their gym and Quarry Hill does not have enough of a seating area for spectators and has broken scoreboards.

Do we just do recreational basketball this year? And do we hold games on Saturdays?

The CYO is still deciding. We would have to have try-outs and evaluations by end of October.

Granite Valley asked if we would be able to put lines in on the field behind them. We are currently out of paint, but have more on order. Tim will follow up with the principal.

We are thinking about doing a possible Paint and Sip night. Kim will instruct. We could do one for the adults or possibly one for kids too.

Also discussed if women's volleyball can return. We would have to talk to the school and all would likely have to play in masks.

Could we put in an ice skating rink? What would the initial set up cost? Who would shovel and maintain the rink after it snows? Would we put lights in for the evening or close it at dark?

Pam West entered to discuss the Lights of Hope event at Veteran's Field on September 19th sponsored by the Monson Substance Abuse Partnership. There will be a bounce house, obstacle course, dunk tank & Adams will have hamburgers and hot dogs. This is the 3rd year and much larger than usual. They will obtain a permit from Board of Health for the food. It is a non-profit event and everything is free. The event will run from 3:00pm-7:30. Speaker will speak at 6pm and the candle vigil will be held at 7:15pm. There will be 4 or 5 trash barrels for the event. They will ask The Sheriff's Department to do cleanup.

Jan Demaio made a motion to waive the field use fee for the event. Jenna Berry seconded it. All were in favor.

It was suggested that we might need to modify the field applications to include food, music, equipment and music for events. Also, will they need a porta-potty? Will vehicles drive on the field? An event should provide liability insurance. Should it be a separate form just for Veteran's Field?

The pickle ball court is backordered until October.

Outdoor Movie Night will be held on Friday, September 24th at Quarry Hill. Someone must be there to meet Fun Flicks to tell them where to set up and then tip the crew at the end of the show. We will ask The Monson Dolphins Boosters if they would like to host concessions.

A second movie night is scheduled for Friday, October 29th.

Jenna made a motion to show Hocus Pocus for the movie night. Jan seconded.

The pool director was looking into a device that sets off an alarm if a body doesn't move for 5 seconds while in the water. The price is about \$1000.

There was a discussion about flooding in the fields and how to help filter out the water after the rain. It was suggested that maybe we could put pipes underground to help with drainage.

Julie Crofts, the First Start Soccer director asked if we would be willing to purchase medals for her team. She is providing them with name tags and snacks after practice and wanted to see if we could cover the cost for medals. The commission and Tim Pascale, Parks & Rec director thought of giving each child a soccer ball instead of a medal.

Jan made a motion to give each First Start player a soccer ball. Jenna seconded. All in favor.

CPC project update. A skate park expansion proposal was handed out to the commission by Tim Pascale. He also gave them Park & Recreation's budget to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Jenna made a motion to approve the minutes.

Jan seconded.

Maddie made a motion to close minutes. Jenna seconded.

Minutes taken by,

Kim Uliana